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TURKEY

July 2, 1959

GREEK AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT--The Greek ambassador to Ankara, Pesmazoglou, who is leaving Turkey for good, made a statement to the newspaper ZAFER. He said that the solution of the problems between Turkey and Greece can be an example to other states and that the satisfactory solution of the Cyprus issue was due to courageous decisions by the two governments. The result has brought stability to the Mediterranean, and the revival of friendship and cooperation will be very useful to both countries. (Ankara Home, July 1, 1959, 1800 GMT--M)

PREMIER ADNAN MENDERES received (Mr. Kahn?), leader of the OEEC delegation which has been visiting Turkey, on July 1. Later the premier presided over a meeting of the coordination committee consisting of the ministers of finance, trade, industries, coordination, and reconstruction. (Ankara Home, July 1, 1959, 2045 GMT--M)

KAHN PRESS CONFERENCE -- At a press conference Mr. (Kahn), head of the OEEC dedegation in Ankara, read a prepared statement expressing satisfaction with the Turkish stabilization program and denying that it was not a Turkish program, but had been forced on the country by Turkish creditors, especially the International Monetary Fund and OEEC. He decried pessimism about the program, stating that any delays in implementing certain parts are natural in view of the scope and magnitude of the work. He said that the program has, in fact, succeeded, although there are still many things to be done. (Ankara Home July 1, 1959, 1700 GMT--M)

WORKERS HOUSES--At a foundation-laying ceremony in Istanbul, Minister of Labor Haluk Saman stated that the government is exerting great efforts to see that every workman has a home. He added that since the democratic party government took over, homes have been built for 18,000 workers in different parts of the country. (Ankara Home July 2, 1959, 0545 GMT--M)

IRANIAN VESSELS SETZED--"Reports emanating from Abadan state that, during the last 48 hours, the Iraqi authorities have seized small Iranian vessels sailing in Shatthal Arab. This incident is considered as a sign of a new development in the Shatt al-Arab sovereignty dispute which has existed between Iran and Iraq for a long time." (Ankara Home July 1, 1959, 1100 GMT--M)

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IRAN

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PEOPLE URGED TO SACRIFICE FOR SHAH

Teheran, Iranian Home Service, July 1, 1959, 1030 GMT--M

(Summary) On July 1, Minister of the Interior Atabagi visited the southern suburbs of the capital. During the visit, thousands of the inhabitants of this area turned out, demonstrated their royalist feelings with great enthusiasm, expressed their disgust and resentment at certain foreign radio broadcasts, and requested the minister of interior to be good enough to convey to the Shah their royalist feelings and sense of patriotism.

In reply, the minister noted with pleasure the royalist sentiments and pointed out that all government officials were commanded by the Shah to serve the public. The minister said that he wanted to meet the people to study their needs on the spot. He added that the people's royalist feelings and their self-sacrifice toward the first gentlemen of the realm were fully reciprocated by the Shah who has the welfare of the people at heart. He concluded by saying that a decision has been taken about the meat supply and that all should be united in a self-sacrifice in the cause of the Shah. Without the Shah there would be no country, and without the country Iranians would not exist.

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RADIO TRANSMITTERS--Radio Iran, in addition to two transmitters in Meshed, boasts 10 transmitters in the headquarters of the provinces and, in the next six months, it is proposed to install two transmitters in Gorgan and (name indistinct). The one-kilowatt transmitter at Ahvaz will be converted into a 100 kilowatt transmitter. By the end of the current Iranian year all radios situated in the headquarters of the provinces will be provided with modern equipment and trained personnel. Listeners in the districts are requested to send in their views and opinions on the provincial programs. (Teheran, July 1, 1959, 1030 GMT--M)

MAJIIS PROCEEDINGS--At its meeting on July 2, the Majlis completed the first reading of a bill regulating the functions and powers of governors general. (Teheran, July 2, 1959, 0930 GMT--M)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT—Shehpur Meyhan has been appointed governor general of the province of Gilan. (Teheran, July 1, 1959, 1730 CMT--M)